

# Hints For Hostess



**TIMELY SUGGESTIONS**  
for Those Planning Seasonable  
Entertainments

## Spring Party for Children.

It all depends upon the weather how much of this party may be carried out in the open. It is all practical for the house though, should showers spill from a bright blue sky.

First, tell the children they are to go out after game and give each one a little denim hunting bag for the trophies, which are animal crackers hidden in every conceivable place, the crackers to be eaten or taken home, and to the one who bags the most animals a prize of a toy animal may be given.

Then give each guest a card with numbers from 1 to 15 on and place a blackboard where all can see it. The leader or the hostess selects a child to draw a picture, whispering to him the animal he is to draw; the guests write beside the number the name of the animal they think he is trying to portray. When 15 animals have been drawn and guessed collect the cards, and to the one who has correctly guessed the most a Noah's ark is given.

Next have this bird-guessing contest: I think it appeared in the department several years ago or one similar to it, but it goes so well with a party that I gladly repeat it, as our readers are continually beseeching me for seasonable contests. The answers are names of birds.

- 1-A jolly outdoor time.....Meadow lark
- 2-What hunters sometimes do.....Kildeer
- 3-A quaint old-fashioned name.....Phoebe
- 4-Used in decorations.....Bunting
- 5-From whom do you buy meat.....Butcher-bird
- 6-A color Quakers like.....Dove
- 7-An unsteady light.....Flicker
- 8-Material for summer trousers.....Duck
- 9-A stupid fellow.....Booby
- 10-A boy's name.....Bob White
- 11-What two friends do.....Chat
- 12-Never seen in summer.....Snowflake
- 13-An amusement for children.....Teeter
- 14-What farmers need in harvest time.....Thrasher
- 15-What does a dog do when pleased.....Wagtail
- 16-A colored tool.....Yellow hammer
- 17-A celebrated American artist.....Whistler

## Idea for Kitchen Shower.

Ask each guest to bring an article usable in the kitchen. Then the hostess to make things interesting may serve salad on tin pie plates, have bonbons or salted nuts in individual fluted patty pans and pass Saratoga chips in an enamel kettle with a skimmer to lift the wiggly chips out. Use jelly tumblers for water or grape juice, and the meat course should be brought in in a new roasting pan. The dessert, preferably some frozen sweet, may appear in small earthenware bowls or individual ramekins. Can't you see just what a jolly time this will be. All extra parcels should be delivered to the bride elect during the repast. I think a party like this should be at night so as to include the much-neglected bridegroom and his friends.

## A Dutch Card Party.

The decorations were entirely Holland's national colors—blue and red—with yellow flowers, if procurable. Only bulb blossoms should be used, as Holland is famous for them. The score was kept by stringing tiny pretzels on a ribbon of Delft blue, at the end of which was a wee wooden shoe. A large shoe filled with flowers

was the table centerpiece, with smaller ones filled with bonbons at each plate.

The hostess had been in Holland, so had genuine Dutch postcards, which she used as place cards. The prizes were all bits of Delft. For the supper, which was served at 11 o'clock, there was a strictly Dutch menu—not German. I am very glad to give it for the benefit of the many readers who have requested such things, and I have never been exactly sure, as people whom I have asked have differed in opinion.

These dishes come to me as being essentially "Dutch." Each hostess may select from the outfit what suits her need and not try to serve the entire menu unless she wishes. Of course oysters are out of season until September. Oh, yes; the cards used had backs representing Holland scenes.

- Oysters. Omelet.  
Smoked Herring.  
Creamed Codfish or Flounder Haddock in Chafing Dish.  
Cold Meat, in very thick slices.  
Pickled Eggs, Pickled Beets, Pickled Onions.  
Lemons and Prawns.  
Cold Slaw.  
Fish or Potato Salad, Cheese Sandwiches.  
Rye Bread in very thin slices.  
Cheese.  
Honey Cakes. Oval Cinnamon Cakes.  
Pancakes, size of a silver quarter.  
Coffee and Chocolate, or Beer in Mugs.

## The Chief Attraction.

Clothing ceases to be attractive when it becomes mussed and dusty. Veils are not wearable after the rent appears. Gloves should be discarded when they cannot be cleaned and neatly mended. Shoes do not have to come to tatters before being honestly discharged from duty. As for hats, every woman knows that her head covering makes or mars her good looks. Every housekeeper knows that a neat home is appealing and an untidy one repelling. We know these things even when we disregard them.

## Blue Most Popular Color.

Blue is very prominent among the fashions, as it is everywhere throughout fashion's realm. Never has there been such a season of blue, and the list of modish blues is long, though, for that matter there seems to be no shade of blue which is not worn. Navy and kindred shades are much worn for tailored costumes of the more severe sort, but the blues most peculiarly of this season are the brilliant glowing shades, such as beryl, radium, king's blue, flag blue, etc.

## Useless.

It is no use to put cosmetics on the face and indigestible food into the stomach; no use to pin one's faith in eye-drops and to deprive the brain of intellectual food; no use to attend physical culture classes and to wear tight stays and shoes afterward; no use to try anti-obesity cures (many of them dangerous) and saunter around shop windows or the park in place of taking real exercise; needless often the hundred and one electro massage treatments when the same effects could be produced by the more rational stimulus.

## Summer Costumes



THE attractive suit for a little boy shown on the left is of white pique. The tunic is made with a double box plait in back and front and is ornamented with groups of buttons. The collar and cuffs are trimmed with fine braiding and finished with plaitings of muslin. The shield of the pique is also trimmed with the braid. The belt is of the pique or of white patent leather.

The smart little tunic suit in the middle is of white pique made in the prevailing Russian style. It, of course, fastens over on one side where it is trimmed with a band of white embroidery.

The sleeves are tucked at the bottom and finished with bands of the embroidery. The belt is of the pique stitched at the edges. The plain pique trousers just show below the tunic.

White pique seems to be a favorite fabric for children's frocks this season, and it is used for the dainty little girl's dress.

The high waisted skirt is plaited. The blouse has a deep yoke of fine tucked muslin and real Irish lace. The lower parts of the sleeves are of the same tucked muslin and lace. The belt is of the pique braided at the edges.

## DANGER SIGNALS.

Sick kidneys give unmistakable signals of distress. Too frequent or scanty urinary passages, backache, headache and dizzy spells tell of disordered kidneys. Neglect of these warnings may prove fatal. Begin using Doan's Kidney Pills. They cure sick kidneys.



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## SIX LIVES WOULD BE MISSING.



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Mrs. Shooter—What are you going to do?  
Mr. Shooter—Kill two-thirds of a cat.

## SKIN HUMOR 25 YEARS

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## Awful Prospect.

One day recently a clergyman was performing a marriage ceremony at the parsonage in the presence of his little son. The boy listened very attentively while his father pronounced the couple husband and wife, then going to his mother he said:  
"Mamma, when a man marries a woman, must he live with her?"  
"Yes, dear," his mother replied.  
The boy was thoughtful for a moment and then said:  
"Mamma, must papa live with all the women he has married?"

## TAKE A FOOT-BATH TO-NIGHT.

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## Conquests.

"I have been engaged several times," boasted the first summer girl, "to men whose names I did not know."  
"That's nothing," retorted the second summer girl. "I engaged myself last season to a stranger who wig-wagged his proposal from a passing yacht."

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A genius is a man who tries to borrow money—and gets it.

## CORN PLANTING IS OVER

THAT CANADIAN TRIP SHOULD NOW BE TAKEN.

If you had intended going to Canada for the purpose of purchasing land on which to establish a home and accompanying some land company, whose holdings you proposed to look over or to go up on your own account to select one hundred and sixty acres of land free, you should delay no longer. Corn-planting is over, your wheat crop is well ahead, and you have a few weeks' time before you are required in the fields again. Now make your intended trip. Reports at hand show that the crop prospects in Canada were never better than they are today. The cool weather has not affected the crop, but if anything, it has been a benefit. There has been plenty of moisture and those who have had their land properly prepared look upon this year as likely to be one of the best they have had. A great many are going up this season who expect to pay two or three dollars an acre more than they were asked to pay last year. Others who wish to homestead are prepared to go farther from the line of railway than would have been necessary last year. Still it is worth it. So it will be with you. Next year lands will be higher-priced and homesteads less accessible. There is a wonderful tide of immigration to Central Canada now. It is expected that one hundred and fifty thousand new settlers from the United States will be numbered by the end of the present year, an increase of fifty per cent over last year. In addition to this there will be upwards of one hundred thousand from the old country, which does not include those who may come from the northern countries of the Continent. These all intend to settle upon the land. The reader does not require an answer to the questions, "Why do they do it?" "Why are they going there in such large numbers?" Western Canada is no longer an experiment. The fact that one hundred and fifty million bushels of wheat were raised there last year as against ninety-five millions the year previous, shows that the tiller of the soil in Central Canada is making money and it is safe to say that he is making more money than can be made anywhere else on the Continent in the growing of grains. He gets good prices, he has a sure and a heavy crop, he enjoys splendid railway privileges, and he has also the advantages of schools and churches and such other social life as may be found anywhere. It is difficult to say what district is the best. Some are preferred to others because there are friends already established. The Grand Trunk Pacific, on its way across the Continent, is opening up a splendid tract of land, which is being taken up rapidly. The other railways—the Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern are extending branch lines into parts inaccessible a couple of years ago. With a perfect network of railways covering a large area of the agricultural lands it is not difficult to secure a location. Any agent of the Canadian Government will be pleased to render you assistance by advice and suggestion, and a good plan is to write or call upon him. The Government has located these agents at convenient points throughout the States, and their offices are well equipped with a full supply of maps and literature.

How we dislike the dentist who spares no pains!

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